



## Arcata Fire: no way to save residents of planned tall buildings

### Only 'luck' has averted tragedy

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – One fatal shortcoming could doom the grand plans being made to accommodate Arcata's burgeoning population in coming years – the lack of adequate fire and rescue service for tall buildings.

With Cal Poly Humboldt breaking ground in late February on its 7-story Craftsman Mall housing, and the Gateway Area Plan (GAP) contemplating buildings of four stories or more, Arcata Fire District (AFD) representatives last week told Arcata's Planning Commission that it sees no realistic scenario under which it could provide adequate fire protection for the new buildings.

Doing so would require not just millions of dollars and major equipment acquisitions, but recruiting a small legion of new AFD personnel. There are no plans in the works for this scale of transformation at AFD.



**Eric Loudenslager**

AFD Division 4 Director Eric Loudenslager led the Planco briefing, pointing out the scale of the challenge, with the district's personnel falling far short of the minimums required to different categories of building fires. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends 38 firefighters to first respond to a high-rise fire, while AFD's initial response can presently muster about 17 personnel, if available, using mutual aid from other area departments.

In a worst-case scenario, drawing on mutual aid from places as far as Fortuna, Ferndale and Rio Dell, some 43 firefighters could eventually respond, but they still wouldn't have the equipment they need. And where the NFPA calls for an 8- to 10-minute response time for a high-rise fire, a maximum response could take 42 minutes. "Those minutes would be potentially lethal," Loudenslager said. "People stuck in a building, smoke inhalation... that's too long."

Other California fire departments whose districts include high-rise buildings have budgets and on-duty personnel far in excess of AFD's \$6.4 million and 7 available firefighters. AFD would need an additional 24 suppression staff – at least – to meet the need. That would require a budget of \$11.3 million, 14 on-duty firefighters, a ladder truck and more.

AFD gets \$2.5 million from property taxes, \$3.8 million from special tax and benefit assessments, plus \$193,000 in other revenue such as interest and charge for service. While new Gateway buildings will yield minor additional tax revenue, the Craftsman Mall, a state

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## Trinidad forming town ambassador squad

**Patti Fleschner**  
MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – Newly elected Trinidad Mayor Cheryl Kelly presided at the Jan. 10 Trinidad City Council meeting.

Many of the "Items From the Floor" comments centered around Mayor Cheryl Kelly's extraordinary efforts to rally Humboldt disaster relief agencies, PG&E, Food for People, Tri-County Independent Living, Humboldt Made, Humboldt Area Foundation and the Wild Rivers Community Foundation, the Red Cross and many community leaders and volunteers to open up the town hall and provide food, water, mobile phone charging stations, blankets,



**SWORN** Cheryl Kelly, recently elected as mayor, plus Katie Breckinridge and Jack Tuttle are sworn in as Trinidad City Council members by City Clerk Gabriel Adams. PATTI FLESCHER | UNION

a little music from Song Circle, coffee and a warm place to gather during the past week's power outages. Last Monday, over 500

free meals were served from Los Giles Taqueria food truck parked in front of the tennis court. Mayor Kelly, Supervisor Steve

Madrone, City Manager Eli Naffah and councilmembers particularly praised Jennifer and Aaron Hakenen and their resourceful teenage daughter, Kari, for managing the flow of crowds and explaining services available.

It was quite an extraordinary show of neighbors helping neighbors. A discussion of streamlining communications and services for an Emergency Hazard Mitigation Plan for future emergencies ensued with Jacque Hostler-Carmesin, CEO of the Trinidad Rancheria, and John Adams of the Chamber of Commerce expressing eagerness to assist.

In other city businesses,

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## Consultant: Airbnbs are 'eroding' housing stock

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The county's Planning Director and legislative consultant are warning that Airbnb-style short term rentals are overtaking the county's ability to expand housing.

County supervisors were briefed on the steady influx of short term rentals (STRs) as they reviewed a state and federal legislative lobbying platform at their Jan. 10 meeting.

Planning Director John Ford said STR-related housing loss is an issue "particularly in Humboldt County."

He reported that there are about 1,000 STRs in the county and those units are subtracted from the county's housing mix once they become temporary and vacation rental dwellings.

"We continue to produce housing every year but yet our vacancy rate does not go up and our housing availability does not go up, so where is it that these units are going?" Ford said. "So short term rentals do have a negative effect on our housing availability and our housing stock."

He recommended advocating for "increased protections for existing housing stock" in the county's legislative platform.

Karen Lang, one of the county's legislative lobbyists, warned of upcoming legislation on having the state administrate and collect hotel bed tax fees for counties and cities.

That's caused an "enormous amount of concern" because it would allow

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## County earthquake damage comes to about \$10 million

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County is addressing the impact of recent earthquakes and aftershocks with an Earthquake Recovery and Assistance Program that includes \$1 million of local funding.

The program was approved at the Jan. 10 Board of Supervisors meeting, with money from the county's federally-funded COVID-19 response package.

County Administrative Officer Elisia Hayes said the Dec. 20 6.4 magnitude earthquake and over 100 aftershocks, including a significant one on New Year's Day, "Reminds us that nature reigns supreme."

She said the aftershocks included one on the day of the meeting. Rio Dell and surrounding areas, including Fortuna, have been "particularly impacted."

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## McKinleyville Town Center Planning

### MMAC Public Meeting Continued Town Center Discussion!

January 25, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Revised Town Center Ordinance**  
McKinleyville Middle School, 2275  
Central Ave, McKinleyville, CA 95519  
Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449947337?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449947337?pwd=eDNvaHl5L2xyOXFucVozTXBQOVh2Q209)  
pwd=eDNvaHl5L2xyOXFucVozTXBQOVh2Q209 Passcode: 043757

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC) is reviewing a revised Town Center Ordinance. Join us to share your thoughts! Please visit the McKinleyville Town Center Master Plan web page to learn more about the project and how to participate:

<https://humboldt.gov/2564/McKinleyville-Town-Center-Master-Plan>

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The City of Trinidad Planning Commission is currently discussing the draft Community Design Element of the general plan update. In conjunction, they are also discussing new design criteria and design review requirements. They would like to get more input from the community on this important topic, which includes issues such as the size and bulk of structures and view protection. You can review these documents at the following link and provide input to the Planning Commission meeting on January 18, or in writing, or via email to [asouza@trinidad.ca.gov](mailto:asouza@trinidad.ca.gov).

VIEW THE DRAFT AT:

<https://trinidad.ca.gov/sites/trinidad.ca.gov/files/library/Current%20Draft%20Community%20Design%20Element%20and%20Design%20Review%20Regulations.pdf>



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# Trinidad | Septic compliance

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the council, which includes newly sworn members Katie Breckenbridge and Jack Tuttle, Mayor Pro-tem Steve Ladwig and Councilman Jack West, voted unanimously to institute a Community Ambassador Program following the model of Arcata, and provide 25 hours of training to provide “goodwill, equality of services and collaboration” in communicating with the transient people who at times disrupt the serenity of the town.

Volunteer ambassadors will be trained to de-escalate volatile situations and to explain services. The experimental program would last for one year. Citizens interested in the training program, which would be subsidized by the city, should contact the City Clerk’s office at Town Hall. The council also voted unanimously to hire Civic Plus to revamp the city website.

City assistant Jennifer Hakenen reported that the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWATS) program has 49 percent septic inspection compliance and permit issuance in the City.

The Watershed Council will meet virtually on Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Becky Price Hall chairs the Watershed Council. Email [rpricehall@trinidad.ca.gov](mailto:rpricehall@trinidad.ca.gov) to join the discussion.

Committee assignments were made for Council member participation in meetings involving trails, city water, the Tsurai Management Plan, HCAOG, Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau, California Coastal National Monument, County transportation and others.

For tribal Government to Government meetings, the Council shall rotate participation. The next City Council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. will include an update on the General Plan and a mid-year budget report.

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Monday, Jan. 9	00.08	17.62	15.90	17.37
Tuesday, Jan. 10	00.70	18.32	15.90	17.60
Wednesday, Jan. 11	00.07	18.39	15.90	17.84
Thursday, Jan. 12	00.32	18.71	15.90	18.06
Friday, Jan. 13	00.93	19.64	15.97	18.29
Saturday, Jan. 14	01.09	20.73	15.97	18.50

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1. Sinai and Whitney: abbr.

4. Member of The Mamas and the Papas

8. Uncanny emanations

13. Skin

14. Frank

15. Striking effect

16. And

17. Rescuer

18. River in France

19. Help mother

22. Snake’s warning

23. Jester

24. Kernels

26. Remainder

29. Negative atoms

32. Carousels

36. Sausage, perhaps

38. Neglect

39. In one’s twilight years

40. Poisonous lizards

41. Lunch shop

42. Fashion

43. Sign

44. Holy meal

45. Preliminary coat

47. Grating sound

49. Ancient homes

51. Insect stages

56. Poor \_\_\_ church mouse

58. Changes

61. Destined

63. Recipe direction

64. \_\_\_ Cong

65. Rugged mountain ridge

66. Stethoscope detection

67. Unwanted spots

68. Stairway piece

69. Horizontal additions

70. Permit

DOWN

1. Confused conflict

2. Seed covering

3. Las Vegas machines

4. Stick

5. In \_\_\_; sore

6. Poison remedies

7. Haughty people

8. Singer/actor Ben

9. German pronoun

10. Flowered

11. Lambs

12. Heavenly miles

13. Over

20. Towel word

21. Plumbing problems

25. Semiconductor device

27. Opposite of chubby

28. Floor installer

30. World’s longest river

31. Mix

32. Incline

33. Mr. Stravinsky

34. Sets apart for a special purpose

35. Water-retention problem

37. Dog in “Peter Pan”

40. Punctured

44. Quarrel

46. Weasel

48. Bluish-gray colors

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52. Competitor

53. Utter

54. About

55. This: Sp.

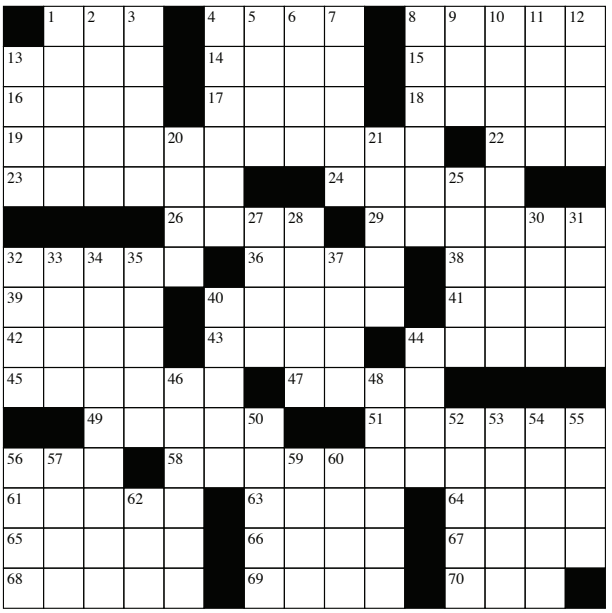
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59. Sound

60. Lofty

62. Summer at the Sorbonne





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# KEET-TV premieres ‘Seeing the Signs’ documentary

**KEET-TV**

**HUMBOLDT** – KEET-TV presents the premiere of its locally produced documentary *Seeing the Signs: Suicide Prevention in Humboldt County* on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 9 p.m. There are repeat feeds in January on Friday, Jan. 20 at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 1 a.m.

*Seeing the Signs* highlights stories from two families in Humboldt County and explores mental health practitioners’ challenges working in rural areas. Hear the story of mother Stacy Whitley, who describes the changes she witnessed in her daughter, Frankie Wruck, beginning in middle school. Whitley watched her daughter develop anxiety and depression and knew she needed help, but the insurance hoops proved challenging.

Nicole Halvorsen shares her story about her brother, Chase Kirtley, and her struggles to find help, as her brother had anxiety, depression, and addiction issues

The film presents mental health experts Lea Nagy, president of the National Alliance of Mental Illness



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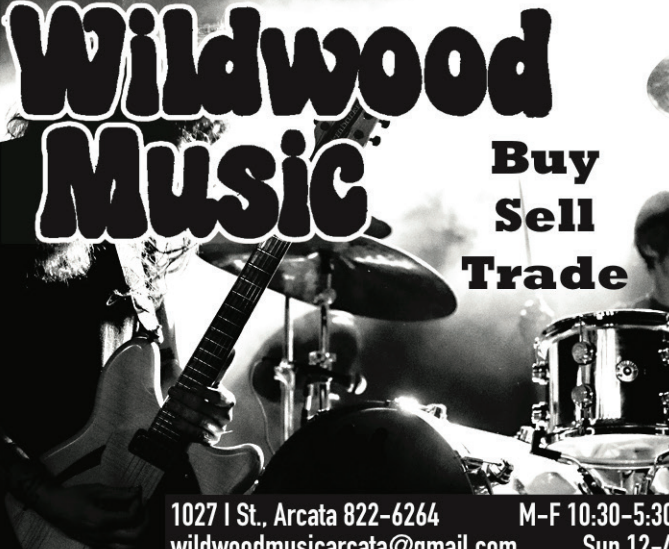
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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States.

Humboldt County is listed as 5th out of 44 counties with incidents of death by suicide, according to The California Department of Public Health.

If you or someone you know is in a mental health crisis, please dial 988 and speak with a trained specialist. You can find details and stream this program at [KEET.org](http://KEET.org) and watch *Seeing the Signs* on KEET’s YouTube channel anytime.

KEET would like to thank its partners on this project, they include Two Feather Native American Family Services, NAMI Humboldt, The Department of Health and Human Services, United Indian Health Services, The Mattole Valley Resource Center and SoHum Health.

# Fire | 40-foot limit urged

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project, will yield nothing.

For AFD to obtain the millions more in needed funding, Loudenslager’s projections indicate that it would require an astronomical \$6.34 billion in assessed value of new, taxable construction.

For visualization, Arcata’s 4-story Sorrell Place cost \$22 million. Even if the projected 2045 population growth of 12,362 new residents were housed in 122 new Sorrell-like structures, that would raise only \$2.68 billion, far short of the needed \$6.3 billion.

Among Loudenslager’s recommendations is to limit building heights to 40 feet, or under four stories until adequate funding can be established. “We’re telling them not to build another 4-story Sorrell until we have a bigger fire department,” he said. Tall buildings, he said, have “crept up on us.”

Loudenslager said there have been two emergency evacuations of Sorrell, during which tragedy was averted. “We’ve basically been lucky,” he said.

Fire Marshal Ed Laidlaw said 3- and 4-story buildings are presently “a huge drain on resources,” but future improvements in code requirements could reduce the challenge.

Loudenslager said Cal Poly officials and area elected representatives have been made aware of the issues. “We haven’t heard anything from the university yet,” he said.

He said AFD needs a training center for unified response to the new construction. “It’s a brand new game,” he said.

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**WWTP PHASE 1** The groundbreaking ceremony for Phase One of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project takes place at 5 p.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Corporation Yard, 600 South G St. Phase One of the AWTF project is the city's largest capital improvement project at an anticipated \$54 million in construction costs. Construction includes a new ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system to replace the current chlorine-based system and reduce associated disinfection byproducts, a new electrical building, upgrades and retrofits to existing facilities, extensive new sewer piping and electrical duct work, a new pump station and a new sewer outfall location. Construction is expected to take three years.

Life Plan Humboldt raises funds

**LIFE PLAN HUMBOLDT** HUMBOLDT – Supporters of Life Plan Humboldt (LPH) stepped up to help exceed our goal of raising \$1 million by the end of 2022. The total of donations, pledges and grants to Life Plan Humboldt is now \$1,022,000. This is truly a grassroots effort, and we thank your community! Life Plan Humboldt is a nonprofit formed to plan, build, and support the first resident led and not-for-profit community for active older adults on the North Coast. LPH residents will have secure accessible homes with support as needed in a community that encourages a healthy lifestyle with independence, socialization, intellectual stimulation, and community involvement. LPH is negotiating to purchase property in the McKinleyville Town Cen-

ter. The money raised will allow us to work with local advisors and an experienced architect to design our community, commission a wetland mitigation design, plan a net-zero campus including a solar micro-grid, and accomplish activities needed to secure bond financing for construction. Find out more and sign up for updates at [Lifeplan-humboldt.org](http://Lifeplan-humboldt.org).

**VOLUNTEERS** Life Plan Humboldt volunteers at work preparing a mailing. SUBMITTED PHOTO



BOARD CHAIR’S STATEMENT REGARDING THE UPCOMING ELECTION



January 12, 2023

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From fenta-bus to meth tent, crime did not pay

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE**  
ARCATA – On Mondy, Jan. 9, HCDTF Agents received information that 38 year old Phyllicia Korn was travelling from the Bay Area via Greyhound bus with a large quantity of fentanyl. Agents obtained a search



Phyllicia Korn

warrant for Korn and the tent where is known to live in the Arcata area. At about 8:30 p.m., agents observed Korn exit the Greyhound bus at the Arcata Transit Center. Upon searching Korn pursuant to the search warrant, agents located approximately five ounces of suspected fentanyl.

Agents then responded to Korn’s tent to search for additional evidence pursuant to the search warrant. Upon arrival, an agent contacted 35-year-old Sean Gendron inside the tent. Gendron was detained without incident.

A search of the tent located two firearms and a usable amount of suspected methamphetamine.

Korn and Gendron were subsequently arrested on the following charges:

- *Phyllicia Korn:* Transportation for sales of controlled substances; Transportation of narcotics across three consecutive counties; Possession for sale; Possession of drug paraphernalia

- *Sean Gendron:* Possession of controlled substances while armed; Possession of controlled substances; Felon is possession of a firearm; Felon in possession of ammunition.



Sean Gendron

More fentanyl, meth, a gun and this time, a billy club

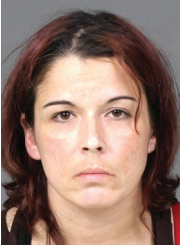
**HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE**  
HOOPA – On Friday, Jan. 6, agents from the HCDTF and Deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office served a search warrant at the 13000 block of Highway 96 in Hoopa. After receiving numerous citizen complaints that 44-year-old Robby Jackson and 42-year-old Kathlene Mellon were selling large quantities of fentanyl throughout the Hoopa Valley, HCDTF agents obtained a search warrant for their residence located at the 13000 block of Highway 96.

During the service of the search warrant, Jackson attempted to flee on foot from law enforcement but was quickly apprehended. Mellon was detained on scene without incident.

During a search of the property, HCDTF agents located 14.6 grams of fentanyl, 4.6 grams of methamphetamine, digital scales, packaging materials, a firearm and a billy club. Based on evidence located on scene, Jackson and Mellon were arrested on the following charges:

- *Robby Jackson:* Possession of a controlled substance while armed; Felon in possession of a firearm; Felon in possession of ammunition; Maintaining a residence for narcotics use; Possession of controlled substances; Possession of drug paraphernalia.

- *Kathlene Mellon:* Possession of a controlled substance while armed; Possession for sale of controlled substances; Maintaining a residence for narcotics use; Possession of controlled substances; Possession of drug paraphernalia; Felon in possession of a firearm; Felon in possession of ammunition.



Kathlene Mellon

Oh, what a tangled web we needlessly weave

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE**  
WILLOW CREEK – On Tuesday, Jan. 10 at about 11:17 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies on patrol in the Willow Creek area conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by two people.

When deputies contacted the occupants, the passenger, later identified as 26-year-old Matthew Dewayne Clyde Richards, provided deputies with a false name. During their investigation, deputies found Richards to be in possession of over three grams of suspected fentanyl and drug paraphernalia. Richards was also found to have an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest.

Richards was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of possession of a narcotic controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia and false identification to a peace officer, in addition to warrant charges of felon in possession of a firearm.



Matthew Dewayne Clyde Richards

Cleo came in from the cold, to warm hearts

Here’s a story for you. Two dogs had been seen wandering and appearing lost way out in Salmon Creek (still Humboldt County, still in the county shelter’s jurisdiction). Some local residents were able to entice them in with food and contain them while contacting the shelter.

Upon arrival at the shelter, the female managed to slip away and run into the nearby stand of trees. For five days she was spotted periodically, usually in the mornings in the field in front of the shelter, occasionally much too close to the freeway, and often keeping an eye on the dog walkers as they passed by. A trap had been set in her woodsy nest area but no luck with that.

Our volunteers started dropping treats as they walked by and there was strong interest in that from our pretty fugitive. She seemed genuinely interested in the other dogs also. On day six, two volunteers, two shelter dogs and one staff member (with the aid of some roast chicken) were able to get close enough to capture soon-to-be-known-as Cleo!

Cleo started out on the Hold side of the shelter, with a note on her kennel asking to drop a treat and say hi. As she became a little more confident, she was moved to the adoptable side of the building with the hope that more volunteers would be able to drop by and visit. Slowly but surely Cleo became more confident with additional people.

It was an exciting day when Cleo went for her first walk with a volunteer that wasn’t one of her two special people. Once that door was opened, every day brought more fun with this



Cleo, still scared.  
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gentle dog!

Cleo loves other dogs! She often has a walking buddy, though out on the walk she is tempted to join up with any available walkers as she seems to like them all.

We are so impressed with the transformation from scared fugitive to everybody’s friend! Cleo was so relaxed after her vaccinations and microchipping that she just lay down on the floor of the clinic, something we don’t see very often.

Cleo enjoys taking in all the sniffs while out on a walk. She



Cleo meets Pablo.



Cleo

self what a good girl Cleo is!

Cleo is spayed, microchipped, current on vaccinations and has been tested for heartworm. If you’d like to meet this pretty success story, please call the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at (707) 840-9132. If there are children or other dogs in the home we like them to come meet the dogs also.

And what of Cleo’s friend from Salmon Creek? We are working with him now too. He is still a little overwhelmed by the noisy shelter environment, but we have high hopes that gentle handling and lots of patience will bring him to a more comfortable state. That’s what we do every day at the shelter.

Thanks for your support!

Impacts | Damages

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More than 70 structures have been deemed unsafe to occupy, with the number expected to increase as inspections are done. More than 114 buildings are determined to be only partially habitable.

There was “positive news” the day before the meeting – \$3 million of state emergency funding is on the way.

But Hayes said the county’s total damages could “easily near or surpass \$10 million.”

She recommended that the funding be used for help with homes that were “damaged or lost” in Rio Dell and surrounding areas.

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell said some homes have been re-seated on their foundations and “I don’t think there’s one of them that can’t be repaired.” But “it’s been a really difficult time, especially during Christmas, to have to have people removed out of their homes.”

Some of the relief money will be used to temporarily house people in motel rooms but “it’s really terrible to be displaced into a motel room,” she continued.

According to a written staff report, 127 businesses have reported a total of about \$1.5 mil-

lion in damages, including sales and revenue losses, inventory losses and structural damages.

Small Business Administration loans are available to those businesses.

Also at the meeting, the county’s building inspectors were credited for their quick responses and valuable work following the quakes.

There were kudos from Supervisor Michelle Bushnell and Board Chair Steve Madrone – and a standing ovation for the inspectors – after Building Inspector Rob Edwards talked about his experience helping a Rio Dell resident.

He said a woman with multiple sclerosis couldn’t use her electric wheelchair due to lack of power and called out to him from her bedroom as he did an inspection. Edwards called for medical assistance and said the woman had been “pretty scared” before he arrived.

“There are so many people to thank and this is just the start,” said Bushnell.

Planning Director John Ford described the inspectors as “a hard working bunch that day in and day out quietly goes about their job with great competence.”

Housing | A ‘coming storm’

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STR owners to evade county attention.

“Airbnb is gonna continue to try to avoid at all costs providing the addresses of their locations to you directly,” said Lang. “That’s the hill they’ll continue to die on and that’s why they want the state to collect it for you, essentially at your cost.”

Ford had reported that his department is working on a STR ordinance and a draft of it is expected to be released in late June. Lang advised mentioning the county’s ordinance in the platform and objecting to “state interference” in hotel bed tax collection.

There’s a “coming storm” of STRs and they’re already “eroding every unit of housing that’s being built,” Lang said, with 15 percent year-to-year monthly growth in the temporary stay units.

Earlier in the discussion, Supervisor Mike Wilson said the state will “really be starting to dig into STR policy in next round of legislation,” as “losses to housing to short term rentals is becoming pretty evident all over the state.”

The draft legislative platform advocates for “legislation and planning to mitigate the effects of short-term vacation rentals” and “legislation that requires online vacation rental and home sharing sites to collect and share vacation rental information with California

municipalities.”

The 46-page platform’s general goals include supporting cannabis farmers, expansion of housing, “climate resiliency programs and projects,” “social justice and effective policing,” “efforts to provide services to vulnerable communities” and opposing cuts to state funding for counties.

Supervisors disagreed on some of the platform’s contents, including support for the Richardson Grove widening project and “efforts that would allow larger trucks into Humboldt County.

Board Chair Steve Madrone said he wants that stricken from the document while Supervisor Michelle Bushnell strongly vouched for leaving it in.

Newly-seated Supervisor Natalie Arroyo suggested additions, including support for historic façade preservation and technical and grant writing assistance for small community services districts.

She also suggested “stronger language” on supporting control of development in wildland/urban interface areas and categorizing PG&E’s lack of service expansion capability as a housing issue, as it’s “essentially functioning as a housing moratorium in Southern Humboldt.”

Juggling the disagreements and additions, supervisors bounced approval of the platform to their Jan. 24 meeting.

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF**  
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**CASE NO.: PR2300009**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:  
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**A Petition for Probate**

has been filed by TANYA FUGATE in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: TANYA FUGATE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The Petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
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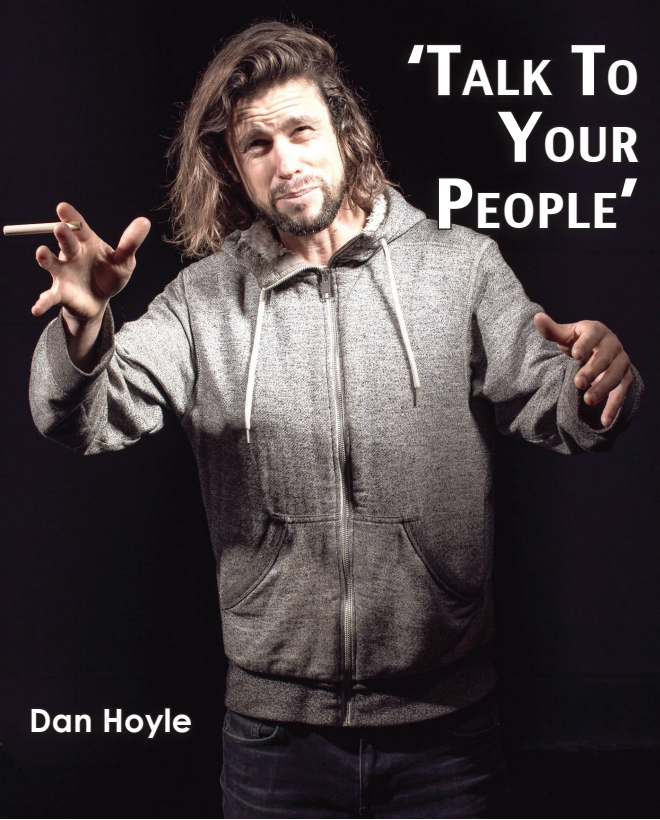
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objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
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ifornia Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
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**'TALK TO YOUR PEOPLE'**

**Dan Hoyle**

**ARCATA PLAYHOUSE**  
ARCATA — Described as a master of his craft and a theatrical gem by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, award-winning actor and playwright Dan Hoyle brings his new journalistic theater performance “Talk To Your People” to the Arcata Playhouse on Saturday, Feb 4 at 8 p.m.

This new piece of immersion-research theater chronicles America’s first year of the pandemic through seven stories.

Urged by a friend to “talk to your people,” Dan practiced his journalism of hanging out in parks, beaches, and playgrounds, talking to everyone he could, and listening to deeply human, comic, and complex stories about the national reckonings around race, power and masculinity.

It usually takes two years for Dan to create a show, as he immerses himself in communities, engages in hundreds of interviews and conversations, and listens to the under heard stories of our times. He then takes these experiences and creates narratives to tell the stories to theater audiences.

He strives to present the people and stories with specificity, nuance, respect, complexity, and love. “Talk To Your People” is an incisive and comedic meditation on how we got to this moment, how we might move forward together, and showcases a portfolio of characters that are unique, funny, raw and moving, all brought to the stage in Hoyle’s signature style.

“Dan Hoyle’s smart, entertaining, funny, insightful, and surprising show... is compassionate and ultimately hopeful, without being soft at all.” — *The New Yorker*

Dan Hoyle performs on Saturday, February 4 at 8 o’clock at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general and \$18

Fan Club Members. Available online at [playhouserts.org](http://playhouserts.org), at Wildberries Marketplace, or reserve at (707) 822-1575.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Co. announces that excursion rates of \$15 for the round trip to San Francisco will prevail on the steamers Pomona and Corona during the Grand Army Encampment at San Francisco.  
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Grow responsibly

As one who walks the marsh, I have a chance to ponder sea level rise daily. Recently, with the unusually high tides and heavy rains, water laps at the paths’ edges often. I imagine a time when the paths will be under water, as will parts of 101, Old Arcata Road and many more of our roads. We see flooding in many places that are not ordinarily under water for such long periods of time.

Those living on Howard Heights Road in Freshwater have been flooded three times over the past two weeks preventing them from leaving except by canoe. Will we all be canoeing to get from point A to point B as they are?

We know there is a housing crisis, but there is a CLIMATE crisis as well. In addition to sea level rise, we now have atmospheric rivers that threaten us. The Planning Commission continues to be laser focused on the Gateway Plan. Sea level rise is just one issue our community has with this plan. Equally important is fire protection for the community. I urge you to watch the Jan. 10 Planning Commission Meeting ([youtube.com/watch?v=Fhx-K\\_VyCs8on](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fhx-K_VyCs8on)). The Arcata Fire Protection District lays out PRECISELY why they do not have the manpower or equipment to adequately protect our community NOW.

“NOT ONE MORE SORRELI” they stated emphatically in their presentation (referring to the newest 4-story building in Arcata). PLEASE PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM CLIMATE CHANGE! GROW BUT GROW RESPONSIBLY!

Lee Torrence  
Arcata

The Grove and beyond

I have been very critical of the City of Arcata for allowing the Homeless to spend nights in frigid weather, some of whom, such as Nancy Barnes and Rick Campos, have actually died.

We were delighted to hear Mayor Sarah Schaefer announce at the end of last Wednesday’s City Council meeting that Arcata House was opening an Extreme Weather Shelter at their newly opened Grove Homekey site on Valley West!

Because Arcata House now has their own space and are not relying on churches,

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they are able to serve many more people: on Wednesday night 61 folks from McKinleyville, Arcata, Eureka, etc. The Shelter will be ongoing and will serve folks not only on cold nights but anytime we have 2 or more days of rain!

A huge Thank You to Darlene Spoor, Executive Director of Arcata House Partnership, and her wonderful staff of Social Workers and volunteers! Also to the City of Arcata for whatever part they played in making this event happen!

That being said, Arcata let’s not sit back and rest on our laurels! There are still more people without a solid roof over their heads than are being presently served! We still need Warming Centers and Overnight space opened up in other parts of the City.

Again, the D Street Center and the Community Center on ML King Way have large rooms or a gym that could serve these purposes. Also we may need to find another organization that could run such shelters without putting an additional burden on Arcata House!

Nancy Pelletier  
Arcata

Elect these 3 to CCCU

I almost tossed an important letter into the recycling without opening it. It has the return address of CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP, 109 N. Main St., Ste. 200, Austin, MN. I discovered it’s a ballot for Coast Central Credit Union’s Board of Directors.

Forty-two percent of the residents in CCCU’s service area (75,000 of us) are members and it has assets of over \$2 billion. It’s positioned to be a powerfully positive force in our community, and who is on the Board of Directors matters.

Of the seven candidates, three are running as the “Members First Slate: Members First for a Stronger Credit Union.” Their purpose is to deepen member engagement and amplify CCCU’s stated value of “placing you at the forefront of the decision-making process, seeking your input, and responding to your needs.”

Please vote for James Kloor, Rees Hughes, and Maricela Aceves Wexler.

If you think you missed the ballot, call CCCU at (707) 445-8801 to request a replacement.

Return the ballot to Clifton Larson Allen in Minnesota. Ballots must be received by January 31. Allow for winter weather.

And please pass the word on to any friends who may be CCCU members.

Margaret Emerson  
Arcata

Setting CCCU’s vision

If you are like me, you may have received a mailing the first week in January with a return address of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP in Austin, Minnesota. I almost tossed it out without opening as it looked a lot like junk mail. It turned out to be an important ballot for Coast Central Credit Union Board election due January 30.

I am very pleased to vote for three candidates, Rees Hughes, Maricela Aceves Wexler, and James Kloor. To get on the ballot, they worked really hard for several months and collect over 600 CCCU member signatures. They are willing to devote personal time and energy to make positive changes with our member-owned credit union.

All three of the candidates advocate CCCU to honor its commitment to an informed and participatory membership. They are encouraging us to participate in our Annual Membership meetings and to have input in setting our credit union vision and direction. Update

ing the CCCU Bylaws, diversify the Board and set term limits are on all three candidates’ agendas as well as increased funding for community grants. I encourage all members to vote for Hughes, Wexler and Kloor for our CCCU Board of Directors.

Kate McClain  
McKinleyville

Nat’l Blood Donor Month

I gave my first pint of blood 40 years ago in 1983. Since then I’ve given over 50 gallons of blood, making me what they call a “milestone donor.” Truth be told, I receive more through helping save lives this way, than is ever taken from me.

There is a real need for blood donors. Nationally, only 3 percent of the eligible population donate, we can do better! Every two seconds someone’s life is saved by blood donations.

It’s just not accident victims or surgery patients that benefit from blood transfusions. Data shows that a quarter of our nation’s blood supply is used by people battling cancer. Additionally, blood products aid in anemia, sickle cell disease, organ transplants, burn patients, shock, and bleeding disorders just to name a few.

January is National Blood Donor Month. Thank you to all my fellow donors out there who give the gift of life. However, we can’t do it alone, we need your help too!

Please find a few minutes this month, or anytime you are eligible, to stop by our Northern California Community Blood Bank in Eureka, or any of their bloodmobiles throughout our community and give the gift of life.

Many people are counting on you. The life you save may be someone you know. Who knows, it might even be mine. Call today and schedule a time, or just drop in.

Gene Joyce  
Arcata

Did Cal Poly Humboldt skip second grade? We’re soon to find out Misnomers for our basic institutions are both trivial and consequential

And sometimes hilariously revealing

Years ago, when the City of Arcata was hiring a new city manager, it held a sort of beauty contest in Council Chamber, with the half-dozen or so finalists getting up before citizens and making their pitch for the job.

One sincere fellow made the unfortunate mistake of saying how eager he was to serve the people of “Arcadia,” and the murmur that rippled through the audience was the sound of his Arcata employment prospects dissolving.

A common, arguably trivial mistake, but fatal because of what it suggests: if you don’t know the town’s name, how well have you studied its issues? Every Arcatan who’s had to spell out A-R-C-A-T-A to a clueless customer support person on the phone surely cringed on some level at *again* being mistaken for that distant SoCal city.

Something similar occurred recently with the draft EIR for Cal Poly’s Craftsman Mall housing. It referred to the Arcata Fire District (AFD) by an imaginary name of its own conjuring: the “Arcata City Fire Department.”

Again, it’s both trivial and egregious for revealing that the DEIR writers hadn’t sweated basic details in any discernible fashion, and fundamentally misunderstood the district’s structure and charter. This was borne out by the rest of the poorly wrought analysis, which was littered with fantasy-based assumptions about AFD’s capabilities.

That matter came up at last week’s Planning Commission meeting, where the flawed DEIR was a major focus. There, in Council Chamber (not Council Chambers) AFD representatives shed light on a number of things, including the district’s own branding problem.

With the legacy term “Arcata” in its name, some of the 36,000 residents it serves in its 62-square-mile jurisdiction (that includes McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside, Manila and Jacoby Creek) assume – like the Craftsman DEIR authors – that AFD is an Arcata-centered service.

Here’s where priggish insistence on name accuracy becomes a real-world problem.

As explained by the AFD reps, people in the non-Arcata locations it serves sometimes oppose contributing to funding for “Arcata Fire” on grounds that Arcata should pay for its own damn fire department.

Unfortunately, a recent study determined that changing the name to something less misleading would cost more than \$76,000. But will it cost the district that much in the long run to keep its traditional name? We can only guess.

Name games aren’t new for AFD. For a long time it was popularly referred to as the Arcata Volunteer Fire Department, which was actually the firefighters’ independent social and fundraising arm, now evolved into the Arcata Volunteer Firefighters Association. *Whew!* No wonder confusion reigns.

The AFD reps at the Planco inadvertently did their part to foster fog about names. They never introduced themselves (although one offered some personal background on request), and referred to each other only by first names, no titles.

With that meager info, one could look them up on AFD’s website to find out who Eric, Chris and Ed are, and their authority in the matter, but why the intrigue?

A meeting viewer seeing their AFD reps for the first time could get a clubby, exclusive vibe from the lack of identification, and feel like they’re on the outside looking in as these semi-anonymous bros decide everything. A helpful protocol might be to begin a presentation by identifying one’s self by name and title.

The AFD board rep, who likely got a rueful chuckle out of the DEIR’s “Arcata City Fire Department” misnomer, went on to refer to the Gateway Area Plan (GAP) as the “Gateway project,” never referring to it by its complete, accurate name. The Planco chair called it the “Gateway program.”

This matters because again, if you haven’t managed to nail something’s *name*, how hard are you really trying to understand it?

Calling the plan a “project” has promoted the notion that the city has some huge building project in the

works. The *Union* has received letters to the editor talking about “the city’s building designs,” of which there are none – only code being developed for projects to someday be created around. There’s a difference.

What is a project is Cal Poly’s Craftsman Mall housing. But here again, we don’t really know what the thing is called.

The late Russell Kirkpatrick had a beautiful vision for that property as an artisan colony. A sign at the entrance to the “Corperation [sic] Yards” welcomed visitors to the “Craftsman’s Mall,” a singular possessive designating one unnamed craftsman whose mall it apparently is, which it wasn’t. But that usage glitch didn’t really matter, except maybe to fussy newspaper editors.

So it was with some relief that in 2020, when the HSU Foundation bought the place, the university began referring to it as the “Craftsman Mall.” Along with solving the punctuation crisis, it’s a legit coinage because it elevates and ennobles the *craftsman* as a mythic figure. It gently suggests a whole class of skilled workers who played a vital role in crafting our heritage and shaping present-day opportunities... or something. But it works.

Well played, Cal Poly. The university surely foresaw the looming apostrophe imbroglio, and took elegant corrective action... *right?*

So it seemed at the time. Alas, the fix didn’t stick. By 2022, the renamed Cal Poly Humboldt was again referring to the place as the “Craftsman’s Mall,” like it was one guy’s hangout.

*Why, why, why?* Apostrophe usage is taught in second grade, and while not intuitive, isn’t *that* hard. Or shouldn’t be, for a state university. They could have stuck with Craftsman Mall, or correctly called it Craftsmans’ Mall or even the slightly dodgy but legal non-possessive plural, Craftsmans Mall.

(*Related:* Farmer’s Market, a market for one farmer; Farmers’ Market, the proper plural possessive version; and Farmers Market, the escape hatch for those utterly befuddled by our frenemy, the apostrophe.)

In keeping with its inexplicable abandonment of AP style, Cal Poly’s publicity randomly refers to the place as Craftsman Mall and

Craftsman’s Mall. The project’s lazy, shambolic DEIR predictably repeats the singular possessive “Craftsman’s” error, while the university’s planning documents refer to it by the deeply evocative term, “Student Housing Project.”

The project’s groundbreaking is next month. Maybe then we’ll find out if our learned university is going with “Craftsman’s Mall” housing, a term which would earn a second-grader a bright red check mark on their spelling test.

If, like a misspelled tattoo, this typographical error becomes enshrined in the name, the place will forever be known as “Craftsman’s [sic] Mall” housing and I’ll never feel bad about *my* typos ever again.

It was stated the other night that the parents of potential Cal Poly students might not want to send their kids to live in a tall building

the national Grange took the place back over, and now it is the Bayside Grange again.

We never did figure out the final name of DANCO’s defunct Creekside Homes project. It was called that originally, but then new plans were issued that used the clunkier “Creek Side Homes,” and the name never settled down before the plug was pulled.

We didn’t have that problem with The Village, though it was sometimes fun, by way of malicious compliance, to call it “the The Village project.”

Some things are just never resolved. To this day, you can still get into a shirty argument with some dwellers of Arcata’s lowlands over Arcata Bottom vs. Bottoms. You know, the place where “Sun Valley Bulb Farm” is located (not).

Is there *no end* to the name chicanery we can get into?

Nope, there isn’t. Back in 2012, the *Arcata Eye* (not *Eye On Arcata*) ran a compendium of then-popular local misnomers and malapropisms. It included such gems as the now-gone “statue of McKinleyville” and “Abruzzi’s.” Still with us, unfortunately, are the “Jacoby Creek Storehouse,” “Crab’s Field” and “Sunnybrea.”

And don’t get me started on the D Street Neighborhood Center, which desperately needs renaming.

While it’s a mite dismaying that a high-functioning institution like Cal Poly is having trouble with grade school punctuation on one of its most visible, multimillion-dollar projects, there may be some reassurance to mine from all this.

Punctuation aside, our overall ignorance about what basic local fixtures like the fire district are called, and what they do, could be construed as comforting.

Because if things were going badly, we *would* know its exact name and all of its officers, who’d need no introduction. Our lack of familiarity with AFD and other local institutions might mean that they are steadily carrying out their duties, serving the public drama-free and requiring only occasional, glancing attention.

Now then, where shall we meet for drinks tonight – at Tomo’s (in the Arcata Hotel) or Septentrio’s?





# SCENE

## California Poppies at Arcata Playhouse

**ARCATA PLAYHOUSE CREAMERY DISTRICT** – Join us in a benefit show with Home Cookin’ and the California Poppies on Saturday, Jan. 21. Home Cookin’ will play first at 7 p.m., and the California Poppies play at 9:30 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata.

The California Poppies are a local Humboldt County band of all original music with a blend of 1960s nostalgia and modern psychedelia that creates a sound that is completely their own, with a mission to spread positivity and love.

Home Cookin’ delivers a range of musical flavors with a repertoire of original tunes and rock standards. Composed of legendary local musical veterans Joyce Hough, Gary Davidson, Fred Neighbor and Mike Labolle, Home Cookin’ serves up savory tunes with a saucy backbeat.

Grab a specialty drink or local kombucha on tap from the bar, and don’t forget your dancing shoes!

Tickets are \$20 general and \$18 Fan Club Members. Available online at [playhouserts.org](http://playhouserts.org), at Wild-berries Marketplace, or reserve at (707) 822-1575.



**POPPIES** Put on your dancing shoes and come see the California Poppies at the Arcata Playhouse. VIA CALIFORNIA POPPIES FACEBOOK PAGE

## Songwriters perform original works in the seaside village

**TRINIDAD ART CENTER** – The Trinidad Art Center presents five local songwriters performing their original songs on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

The admission is \$5 at the door. Tunesmiths Claire Bent, Tim Breed, Matt Brody, Mike Bynum and Jeff DeMark will play their own songs and maybe provide a bit of background on how and/or why they wrote the songs.

The Trinidad Art Center is located in a former chapel at 426 Trinity St. next to Trinidad Elementary.

Matt Brody, a Trinidad visual artist and songwriter, commented “writing songs can be very dangerous....

memory lane is littered with landmines.” Tim Breed, who coined the phrase “real musicians have daydreams”, will share songs from his recent on-line album, *Songs My Daughters Like (and some you’ll like, too)*.

Claire Bent, best known as the lead singer of the band she leads, Citizen Funk, and for her jazz singing, will play the ukulele and sing a few of her original compositions.

Mike Bynum, formerly of the Handshakers and currently playing in The Deckhands, will showcase a batch of new soulful songs. Jeff DeMark, known for his storytelling shows, will play some of his favorite original songs.

For more information write [Jeffdemark@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffdemark@gmail.com).

**EUREKA SYMPHONY CHORUS** If you’ve ever dreamed about being on stage and singing in a world-class symphony chorus, then it’s time to make your dreams come true. Be a part of the Eureka Symphony Chorus singing Mozart’s emotionally stirring *Requiem in D Minor, K 626*. Those who audition on Jan. 22 will be required to: sing a major triad on any given pitch that is played for you (on the piano, usually 5 or 6 different pitches); sing a minor triad on any given pitch that is played for you; sing a whole step up or down as requested on any given pitch; sing a half step up or down as requested on any given pitch; sing back a combination of 6 pitches that will be played for you (tonal memory); read music and sight sing two short passages provided to you; sing any solo piece you choose that shows your voice to its advantage. To learn more and schedule your audition with Music Director Carol Jacobson, please contact Vanessa Kibbe at [vkibbe@gmail.com](mailto:vkibbe@gmail.com) before Jan. 20.



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**TRIO DUENDE** The Eureka Chamber Music Series presents Trio Duende for two concerts this coming weekend. The group will perform Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave. in Eureka. Tickets are \$40 general, \$10 for students. The group will have a “concert + conversation” on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 E 16th St. in Arcata. Tickets are \$20 general, \$5 for students. The trio is comprised of pianist Awadagin Pratt, fresh from performances with the Boston and Chicago Symphony Orches-

tras this season, along with inimitable cellist Sophie Shao, winner of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant and top prizes at the Rostropovich and Tchaikovsky competitions, as well as violinist and ECMS Artistic Director Tom Stone, who during his 20 years as a founding member of the Cypress String Quartet has performed with many distinguished artists and in major musical venues all over the world including the Kennedy Center, Library of Congress and the Ravinia Festival.. Contact [eurekachambermusic.org](http://eurekachambermusic.org) or [admin@eurekachambermusic.org](mailto:admin@eurekachambermusic.org) for more info.



**REDWOOD ACRES** Racing returns to Redwood Acres in April. PHOTO BY SHERIE BIALOUS

## Rev your engines! Racing returns to Redwood Acres

**REDWOOD ACRES RACEWAY** EUREKA – A brand new year means that there will be a brand-new season of racing at Redwood Acres Raceway. Eleven events are scheduled to occur on the 3/8-mile paved oval with the season beginning in April and ending at the end of September.

Drivers and teams will have ample time to tune their cars in preparation for the start of the season as two test and tune dates are scheduled for April 15 and April 22. A practice session is also scheduled for April 28, a day before the season officially kicks off in a big way on April 29. The second annual Rotary Rhododendron 100 will feature a big money race for the late models while Legends, bombers, mini stocks and roadrunners will also be participating.

The month of May only has two race dates but both races will feature

the return of the popular Gunslinger Sprint Cars. The Gunslingers will be racing on back-to-back nights on May 12 and May 13. A large field of sprint car drivers from all over the West Coast are expected to visit the Acres for a top-notch purse.

June begins with a practice session on the second with the next day featuring the first modified race of the season in addition to all five local classes. June 23 will be the annual Fair Race at RAR with all five local divisions again scheduled for action.

Two races are scheduled for July. A practice is scheduled on July 7 while July 8 will be the annual running of the Harper Motors Firecracker 100 for the late models.

The Upstate Bomber Series will also be visiting Redwood Acres Raceway for the first of two times in 2023. July 28 is another practice date in preparation for the following

day’s event on July 29, the Legends Of The Redwoods Shootout. The top Legends drivers from the region are expected to show for this event.

All five local classes will be racing in the two races on August 12 and August 26. The race on the 26th will be Fan Appreciation Night.

The season concludes in September with the Upstate Bombers headlining on the 9th with the Legends, mini stocks and roadrunners also racing. The final race of the season will of course be the annual Fall Spectacular. The event will be held on Sept. 22 and 23 with practice and qualifying taking place on the first day and a full slate of racing on the second with late models, modifieds, Legends, bombers, mini stocks and roadrunners all racing.

Stay tuned to [RacinTheAcres.com](http://RacinTheAcres.com) or follow RAR on Facebook or Twitter [@RacinTheAcres](https://twitter.com/RacinTheAcres).

**TRINIDAD CONCERT** RLA jazz trio, with guest vocalist Claire Bent, will perform Friday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. in Trinidad. Tim Randles said “Probably the most sought after young jazz singer in Humboldt, Claire Bent’s subtle phrasing coupled with a unique scat style, create a performance like no other. She is a regular through the whole Humboldt area, and has performed many times with RLA.”

**HAIL TO THE CHIEF** Prezident Brown will perform Friday, Jan. 20 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 10th St. in Arcata. Prezident Brown is a Jamaican roots reggae artist who carries a universal message of love, consciousness and righteousness. Prez is a gifted vocalist who has been focusing on his calling as a singer from an early age. He is a very steady hard-working artist who has never wavered in his focus. He has been touring the US consistently for the last two decades with his I Sound band. His shows are on fire, his star is rising and his fan base is growing. With Irie Rockerz. Doors open at 8:30 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit [humbrews.com](http://humbrews.com).

**ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE** Will Sheff/Okkervil River will perform Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata. After nine critically acclaimed albums after two full decades, Will Sheff is letting Okkervil River drift out to sea with *Nothing Special*, a rich and cinematic collection that marks the acclaimed indie songwriter’s first release under his own name. Written through a period of painful loss and deep transformation and recorded with a mix of old friends and new collaborators (including singer/songwriter Christian Lee Hutson, Dawes drummer Griffin Goldsmith and Death Cab For Cutie pianist Zac Rae), the record is an act of liberation and self-determination. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$24 at the door. For more information, call (707) 630-5000 or visit [arcatatheatrelounge.com](http://arcatatheatrelounge.com).

**HUMBOLDT BREWERY** Bump Foundation will perform Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 10th St. in Arcata. Local Humboldt County favorites Bup Foundation, playing rare grooves of funk and soul, plus jazz originals and classics. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance or at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit [humbrews.com](http://humbrews.com).

**PEKING ACROBATS FEATURING THE SHANGHAI CIRCUS** will perform Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt. For the last 32 years, The Peking Acrobats have redefined audience perceptions of Chinese acrobatics. They perform daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs and display their technical prowess at such arts as trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. The Peking Acrobats are accompanied by live musicians who skillfully play traditional Chinese instruments; the time-honored Chinese music coalesces with high-tech special effects and awe-inspiring acrobatic feats, creating an exuberant entertainment event with the festive pageantry of a Chinese carnival. All ages. Doors open at 6 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$39 general, \$20 for children and \$5 for Cal Poly Humboldt students. For more information, call (707) 826-3928 or visit [centerarts.humboldt.edu](http://centerarts.humboldt.edu).

**CHAMBER MUSIC** A free concert of chamber music will be presented at the Lutheran Church of Arcata on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. With a suggested donation, listen to a string quartet, jazz ensemble and a wind ensemble. The church is at 151 East 16th St. in Arcata.

**COMING UP** Dirtwire will perform at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 9 p.m. Margo Price will perform at the Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Jon McLaughlin will perform at the Humboldt Brewery on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

## Sunday afternoon jazz

**MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM OF ART** EUREKA – Come visit the Morris Graves Museum of Art for an afternoon of great music on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 3 p.m.

Enjoy an Afternoon of Jazz with Paula Jones & Friends, and hear jazz from talented local musicians performing world class music that is unlike any other!

The Rotunda is the perfect setting for the jazz-funk stylings of superb vocalist Paula Jones.

“Listeners can expect well-dressed performers, movement, dance, spirituality and an abundance of gratitude. We will present a mix of Jazz and R&B and the audience will hear this music performed in a kind of stream of consciousness style; each song is taken as a vehicle for free interpretation,” said Paula Jones .

The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St. in Eureka.



**FIRST CLASS JAZZ** Paula Jones and Friends perform Sunday afternoon at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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23-00020

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COUNTY OF  
HUMBOLDT  
PLAZA HOME INC  
CA C3455835  
808 G STREET  
ARCATA, CA 95521**

This business is conducted  
by: A CORPORATION  
**S/NATALIE WALSTON  
PRESIDENT**

This statement was filed  
with the Humboldt County  
Clerk on JAN. 11, 2023  
**KELLY E. SANDERS  
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NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ES-  
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**STEVEN CRIVELLI  
CASE NO.: PR2200370**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries,  
creditors, contingent cred-  
itors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interest-  
ed in the will or estate, or  
both, of:  
**ESTATE OF STEVEN  
CRIVELLI  
A Petition for Probate**  
has been filed by MARK  
CRIVELLI in the Superior  
Court of California, County  
of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate  
requests that: MARK  
CRIVELLI be appointed  
as personal representative  
to administer the estate of  
the decedent.

The petition requests the  
decedents will and codi-  
cils, if any, be admitted to  
probate. The will and any  
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examination in the file kept  
by the court.

The petition requests  
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the estate under the Inde-  
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representative to take any  
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notice or consented to the  
proposed action.) The in-  
dependent administration  
authority will be granted  
unless an interested per-  
son files an objection to  
the petition and shows  
good cause why the court  
should not grant the author-  
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**A hearing on the petition  
will be held in this court as  
follows:**

Date: FEB. 9, 2023  
Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 3  
Address of court: Su-  
perior Court of California,  
County of Humboldt, 825  
Fifth Street, Eureka, CA,  
95501.

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under section 9052 of the  
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**Other California statutes  
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California law.****

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ATTORNEY FOR PETI-  
TIONER:  
STEPHEN G. WATSON  
LAW OFFICE OF W.G.  
WATSON, JR.  
7151 ST.  
P.O. BOX 1021  
EUREKA, CA 95502

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1/4, 1/11, 1/18

**NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF  
RUTH ARLENE CONTI  
CASE NO.: PR2200368**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries,  
creditors, contingent cred-  
itors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interest-  
ed in the will or estate, or  
both, of:  
**RUTH ARLENE CONTI  
A Petition for Probate**  
has been filed by ADAAN-  
DERSON in the Superior  
Court of California, County  
of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate  
requests that: ADA AN-  
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as personal representative  
to administer the estate of  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF  
JOSEPH C. REINIK  
CASE NO.: PR2200367**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries,  
creditors, contingent cred-  
itors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interest-  
ed in the will or estate, or  
both, of:  
**JOSEPH C. REINIK  
A Petition for Probate**  
has been filed by EMILY  
LAUREL WON in the Su-  
perior Court of California,  
County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate  
requests that: EMILY LAU-  
REL WON be appointed  
as personal representative  
to administer the estate of  
the decedent.

The petition requests  
authority to administer  
the estate under the Inde-  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
MARIANNE WAY  
CASE NO.: PR2200366**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries,  
creditors, contingent cred-  
itors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interest-  
ed in the will or estate, or  
both, of:  
**MARIANNE WAY  
A Petition for Probate**  
has been filed by CHRIS-  
TINE WAY and DOUGLAS  
WAY in the Superior Court  
of California, County of  
HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate  
requests that: CHRISTINE  
WAY and DOUGLAS WAY  
be appointed as personal  
representative to adminis-  
ter the estate of the deced-  
ent.

The petition requests  
authority to administer  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
CRICKET LITTLESTAR  
WALKER  
CASE NO.: PR2200369**

To all heirs, beneficiaries,  
creditors, contingent cred-  
itors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interest-  
ed in the will or estate, or  
both, of:  
**CRICKET LITTLESTAR  
WALKER  
A Petition for Probate**  
has been filed by DAVID  
B. BROWN, JR. and JODY  
TESSLER in the Superior  
Court of California, County  
of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate  
requests that: DAVID B.  
BROWN, JR. and JODY  
TESSLER be appointed  
as personal representative  
to administer the estate of  
the decedent.

The petition requests the  
decedents will and codi-  
cils, if any, be admitted to  
probate. The will and any  
codicils are available for  
examination in the file kept  
by the court.

The petition requests  
authority to administer  
the estate under the Inde-  
pendent Administration of  
Estates Act. (This author-  
ity will allow the personal  
representative to take any  
actions without obtaining  
court approval. Before tak-  
ing certain very important  
actions, however, the per-  
sonal representative will  
be required to give notice to  
interested persons unless  
they have waived notice or  
consented to the proposed  
action.) The independent  
administration authority will  
be granted unless an inter-  
ested person files an ob-  
jection to the petition and  
shows good cause why the  
court should not grant the  
authority.

**A hearing on the petition  
will be held in this court as  
follows:**

Date: FEB. 2, 2023  
Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 3  
Address of court: Su-  
perior Court of California,  
County of Humboldt, 825  
Fifth Street, Eureka, CA,  
95501.

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TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ON-  
LINE VIDEO HEARING.

**If you object to the  
granting of the petition, you  
should appear at the hear-  
ing and state your objec-  
tions or file written objec-  
tions with the court before  
the hearing. Your appear-  
ance may be in person or  
by your attorney.**

**If you are a creditor or  
a contingent creditor of  
the decedent, you must  
file your claim with the  
court and mail a copy to  
the personal representa-  
tive appointed by the court  
within the later of either (1)  
**four months** from the date  
of first issuance of letters  
to a general personal rep-  
resentative, as defined in  
section 58(b) of the Califor-  
nia Probate Code, or (2) **60  
days** from the date of mail-  
ing or personal delivery to  
you of a notice under sec-  
tion 9052 of the California  
Probate Code. **Other Cal-  
ifornia statutes and legal  
authority may affect your  
rights as a creditor. You  
may want to consult with  
an attorney knowledge-  
able in California law.****

**You may examine the  
file kept by the court.** If  
you are a person interest-  
ed in the estate, you may  
file with the court a formal  
Request for Special Notice  
(form DE-154) of the filing  
of an inventory and apprais-  
al of estate assets or of  
any petition or account  
as provided in Probate  
Code section 1250. A Re-  
quest for Special Notice  
form is available from the  
court clerk.

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1/4, 1/11, 1/18

**ORDER TO SHOW  
CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME  
SOPHIE EMMA HARP-  
ER-MASON  
SUPERIOR COURT OF  
CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF HUM-  
BOLDT  
CASE NO. CV2201880  
TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS:**

1. Petitioner has filed a  
petition with this court  
for a decree changing  
names as follows:  
Present name: **SOPHIE  
EMMA HARPER-MA-  
SON**

To Proposed name: **SO-  
PHIE EMMA NARUM**  
2. THE COURT OR-  
DERS that all persons  
interested in this matter  
appear before this court,  
located at 825 5th Street,  
Eureka, California, at  
the hearing indicated  
below to show cause, if  
any, why the application  
should not be granted.  
Any person objecting to  
the name changes de-  
scribed above must file  
a written objection that  
includes the reasons for  
the objection at least two  
court days before the  
matter is scheduled to be  
heard and must appear  
at the hearing to show  
cause why the petition  
should not be granted.  
If no written objection  
is timely filed, the court  
may grant the petition  
without a hearing.

Date: JAN. 27, 2023  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4

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to appear remotely for  
your hearing, please visit  
<https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order  
to Show Cause shall be  
published at least once a  
week for four successive  
weeks prior to the date  
set for hearing on the  
petition in the following  
newspaper of general  
circulation, printed in this  
county: Mad River Union.  
Date: DEC. 19, 2022  
TIMOTHY A. CANNING  
Judge of the Superior  
Court  
1/11,. 1/8, 1/25, 2/1

**NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ES-  
TATE OF  
JOSEPH C. REINIK  
CASE NO.: PR2300003**

To all heirs, beneficiaries,  
creditors, contingent cred-  
itors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interest-  
ed in the will or estate, or  
both, of:

**JOSEPH C. REINIK  
A Petition for Probate**  
has been filed by ANGELA  
CINCOTTI in the Superior  
Court of California, County  
of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate  
requests that: ANGELA  
CINCOTTI be appointed  
as personal representative  
to administer the estate of  
the decedent.

The petition requests  
authority to administer  
the estate under the Inde-  
pendent Administration of  
Estates Act. (This author-  
ity will allow the personal  
representative to take any  
actions without obtaining  
court approval. Before  
taking certain very import-  
ant actions, however, the  
personal representative  
will be required to give no-  
tice to interested persons  
unless they have waived  
notice or consented to the  
proposed action.) The in-  
dependent administration  
authority will be granted  
unless an interested per-  
son files an objection to  
the petition and shows  
good cause why the court  
should not grant the author-  
ity.

**A hearing on the petition  
will be held in this court as  
follows:**

Date: FEB. 9, 2023  
Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 3  
Address of court: Su-  
perior Court of California,  
County of Humboldt, 825  
Fifth Street, Eureka, CA,  
95501.

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ING.

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granting of the petition,  
you should appear at the  
hearing and state your  
objections or file written  
objections with the court  
before the hearing. Your  
appearance may be in per-  
son or by your attorney.**

**If you are a creditor or  
a contingent creditor of  
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tive appointed by the court  
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(1) **four months** from the**

date of first issuance of let-  
ters to a general personal  
representative, as defined  
in section 58(b) of the Cal-  
ifornia Probate Code, or  
(2) **60 days** from the date  
of mailing or personal deliv-  
ery to you of a notice  
under section 9052 of the  
California Probate Code.  
**Other California statutes  
and legal authority may  
affect your rights as a  
creditor. You may want  
to consult with an attor-  
ney knowledgeable in  
California law.**

**You may examine the  
file kept by the court.** If  
you are a person interest-  
ed in the estate, you may  
file with the court a formal  
Request for Special Notice  
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of an inventory and apprais-  
al of estate assets or of  
any petition or account  
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Code section 1250. A Re-  
quest for Special Notice  
form is available from the  
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**ORDER TO SHOW  
CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME  
SHEA ELIZABETH  
STOVALL  
SUPERIOR COURT OF**

**CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF HUM-  
BOLDT**

**CASE NO. CV2300017  
TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS:**

1. Petitioner has filed a  
petition with this court  
for a decree changing  
names as follows:  
Present name: **SHEA  
ELIZABETH STOVALL**

To Proposed name:  
**SHEA ELIZABETH SI-  
MAS**

2. THE COURT OR-  
DERS that all persons  
interested in this matter  
appear before this court,  
located at 825 5th Street,  
Eureka, California, at  
the hearing indicated  
below to show cause, if  
any, why the application  
should not be granted.  
Any person objecting to  
the name changes de-  
scribed above must file  
a written objection that  
includes the reasons for  
the objection at least two  
court days before the  
matter is scheduled to be  
heard and must appear  
at the hearing to show  
cause why the petition  
should not be granted.  
If no written objection  
is timely filed, the court  
may grant the petition  
without a hearing.

Date: FEB. 17, 2023  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4

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3. A copy of this Order  
to Show Cause shall be  
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week for four successive  
weeks prior to the date  
set for hearing on the  
petition in the following  
newspaper of general  
circulation, printed in this  
county: Mad River Union.  
Date: JAN. 6, 2023  
TIMOTHY A. CANNING  
Judge of the Superior  
Court  
1/18, 1/25, 2/1

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T.S. No.: 2020-01909-CA		A.P.N.:529-351-009-000,
529-351-007-000, 529-351-008-000, 529-351-010-000		
Property Address: 37695 HWY 96, ORLEANS, CA 95556		
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE		
PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.		
NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED		
注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要		
참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다		
NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO		
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LƯU Ý: KÈM THEO ĐẦY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU		
NAY		
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:		
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/17/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.		
Trustor: MARK O'ROURKE AND KAREN STARELLO-O'ROURKE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS		
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC		
Deed of Trust Recorded 10/08/2003 as Instrument No. 2003-39256-16 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California,		
Date of Sale: 02/14/2023 at 10:00 AM		
Place of Sale: FRONT ENTRANCE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 825 5TH STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501		
THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:		
All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:		
More fully described in said Deed of Trust.		
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 37695 HWY 96, ORLEANS, CA 95556		
A.P.N.: 529-351-009-000, 529-351-007-000, 529-351-008-000, 529-351-010-000		
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.		
The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 130,643.83.		
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.		
If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.		
The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.		
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off		





## Promising students earn Reach Your Star awards

### CUMBRE: Confidence, Unity, Motivation, Balance, Respect, Empathy

**Lucy Salazar**  
PRESIDENT, CUMBRE HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – CUMBRE Humboldt distributed their fall round of Reach Your Star Awards in December to deserving and dedicated Latinx students.

After receiving 91 applications (compared to 18 last spring) and seeing the quality of the applicants, we decided to increase our number of award recipients to eight, as compared to five in previous cycles.

Awards of \$500 were given to the following students:

- Kate Ramirez –English major, Cal Poly Humboldt
- Kathy Zamora – Social Work major, Cal Poly Humboldt
- Neftaly Mendez – plans to attend the CR nursing program, Fortuna Union High School
- Nick Salgado-Stanley – Wildlife major, Cal Poly Humboldt
- Natalie Mendez – Environmental Resource Engineering major, Cal Poly Humboldt
- Maria Montes – Zoology major, Cal Poly Humboldt
- Fabiola Hernandez – plans to attend the CR nursing program
- Alfredo Calderon – Astrophysics major, Cal Poly Humboldt

All these students are working, sometimes two jobs, while taking a full load of classes. It was a pleasure to interact with these aspiring students, who are all dedicated to giving back to their communities, in one way or another.

Kate Ramirez plans to continue in the Master’s Program, with a goal of being an English teacher in either middle or high school when she graduates. “I want to become an educator and use my knowledge to give back to my community. Education is the single most powerful tool to help students out of poverty and change their life trajectory.”

After graduating with her bachelor’s in Social Work, Kathy Zamora plans to pursue a Master’s in Social Work at Cal Poly Humboldt. “Higher education is important to me because I strongly believe knowledge is power. I want to work among the Latinx, immigrant, English Learner community because I feel at home with community. I will share my knowledge in order to grow as a community.”

Years ago, Neftaly Mendez spent many hours in the hospital with a sick family member, and that has inspired her to become a nurse. “Living in hospitals seeing and playing with children that had cancer and other things really opened a door that led me to want to pursue a career in the medical

field no matter what. When I get my degree, I will help people and make the biggest impact I can in people’s lives and be there for them in time of joy and sorrow.”

Nick Salgado-Stanley will be spending the next semester in South Africa at the Nelson Mandela University, continuing his studies and experiences in wildlife conservation. He plans to go into Environmental Law, with a focus on the interests of underrepresented people, the environment, and animals above all else. He also recognizes the lack of diversity in the field of natural resources. “Furthering my education is important because I want to create a more accepting and diverse pool of professionals.”

Natalie Mendez aspires to own an environmental engineering firm that solves complex environmental problems through the lens of social and environmental justice. “I’ve made it not only my mission, but my duty to make meaningful change for communities and habitats through ethical practices, advocacy, and engineering excellence.”

Maria Montes is considering working for an organization that does rescue and release of wild animals or to become a videographer of wild animals in their own habitats. “Not only do I want to finish school to help my mom. But I want to do it for me and for my future familia. Represent my culture as a first generation Latina, graduate of Cal Poly Humboldt.”

Fabiola Hernandez plans to be a nurse working with older adults who might not have anyone to advocate for them. “I look forward to expanding my knowledge in healthcare, learn how to promote health, refine my skills in empathy and compassion, as well working directly with patients. I would like to be the bridge that connects people to living health conscious lifestyles.”

Alfredo Calderon intends to get his Ph.D in Astrophysics with a focus on gravitational waves, galaxy formation and/or black holes. “I want to work at observatories around the world getting information and teaching an entire universe to people who need it.”

I think all recipients would join in this sentiment by Mr. Calderon, “The most important thing you could get from this scholarship is the motivation that comes from the recognition of the effort that you’ve been through.” These students and their families have been through a lot and no matter what, they continue to pursue their dreams. Our recipients epitomize what our acronym CUMBRE stands for – Confidence, Unity, Motivation, Balance, Respect, Empathy – and we are very proud of them.

Our Reach Your Star Awards help make educational and enrichment opportunities more accessible for disadvantaged Latinx students. Our spring round of awards will be coming up soon, and all donations are sincerely appreciated and can be made at our website: [cumbrehumboldt.org](http://cumbrehumboldt.org).



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## Field guides, checklists and other avian resources

Often, bird lovers want to venture beyond their backyards. They may begin at the Arcata Marsh or Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Both are great and offer guided walks.

This is a great way for the novice to begin birdwatching. However, these walks are great for all levels of birding. You have multiple pairs of eyes on the look-out. Plus others will gladly give hints to participants about making good identifications.

I have loved birds since age 9 but my experiences were on the East Coast. In Southern California, I watched birds but had a growing family. I learned some new birds but had other priorities.

By 1990, I moved to Humboldt. Long story short, it was on a whim. The idea of Strictly for the Birds was born as a way to make a living. I was that novice. Every Sunday (my only day off) was spent learning local birds.

So, to begin that adventure

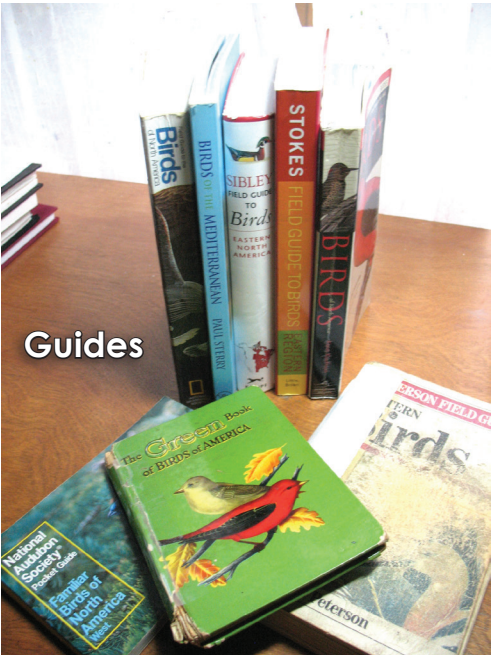
blue for winter. There may be information on the voice, habitat and nesting.

Added in these guides are pages covering bird topography, migration and habitat. Often the index serves as a checklist (usually a little box you can check when you see the bird). Some guides have color tabbed pages so you can find sections of hummingbirds, hawks, gulls or warblers.

Here I would like to remind you... you *can* write in your book! I often make notations in the margins, especially when I get good ID tips. Personally, I own about 10 field guides. Two I had as a kid. As a gift, I received the Audubon guide. It was categorized by color. Not really a good idea, especially when a male could be a different color than the female and some birds vary by season. However, the Audubon name was well-known so I ordered some for my shelves.



**BIRD  
BRAINS**  
Louise  
Bacon-Ogden



you need a willingness, a field guide and some binoculars! (I will cover optics later!)

Let’s start with field guides. There are lots out there. To choose the right one for you, I suggest actually *looking* at the choices. (I know, Amazon is so easy.) However, flip through the pages and take them all in. Which ones look good to you?

Only *you* know how you might learn best. Some like drawings while others like photographs. Some guides cover a bird per page, while others show male, female and juveniles. Some have multiple related species per page. Some guides add some natural history within the text.

Field guides may cover a smaller area (like Northern California), the Western States or the East. “Common” bird guides may not be too helpful. What is common here may not be common in most other parts of the state. And visa versa! If you travel a lot, you might like a guide to all of North America. Going out of the country? Be sure to look for a guide in English if you are not fluent to the language of the country you are visiting.

Just a note here. Buying bird guides of other countries is difficult. Several years ago, I went to Greece. I went on-line and found a book (which I could not see) and found a guide in five languages. Yes, English was one! It was “used” and in good condition. Upon receiving it, I knew why. It was *awful*! The price was ridiculous for what I got. Luckily, for the same money I got a *real* field guide (Birds of the Mediterranean) all in English.

So, what is a real guide? The birds are in taxonomical order from the most ancient species to the most modern. (Remember, birds are dinosaurs.) Birders use a common name but the scientific name is listed. You should see multiple plumages (winter/summer, male/female and immature birds). The size is listed, the colorings, the voice, and birds ranges. Small maps are usually present. The seasons may be indicated in red for summer and

Also, when I opened my store, I heard about the National Geographic guide. All the hot shot birders used that one. *Oops*, only non-profits could carry it! (Not anymore!)

My quest widened. Ah, the Roger Tory Peterson books. I’d heard about him. He was from Connecticut. I got his Western guide. Immediately, all the birders came to get the newest edition for 1990.

This guide was my favorite for a long time. The binding is broken and always opens at the grosbeaks, the front picture is worn off and the outside binding is “duck” tape.

As time went on, more and more guides hit the shelves. My guess is there are even MORE now! Choose wisely!

Along with guides are checklists. They compliment a field guide nicely. As you travel you can probably purchase a checklist of that areas birds. They have a brief summary of where and when you can see them. I have a bunch of those for areas I birded. I became one of those “crazies” and specifically went on bird trips.

If you subscribe to that, you may wish a guide to birding. This is a book for certain areas (like Southeast Arizona) with min-



ute detail, including backyards, where you can find even rarities. These books are great as you can, indeed, find birds you may overlook if you wander aimlessly on your own. Oh, and if you do go to a person’s yard, often they have chairs and table out for your enjoyment *and* a jar for tips to help defray the cost of tons of bird food.

So, these suggestions get you out on the road for enjoyable birding. However, there are many more publications on birds out there. But, in my opinion, the field guide is the best and most valuable.

Here, you may wonder... “What is *my* favorite guide?” I switched and I love the *Sibley Guide to Western Birds* by David Sibley.

Even if you only bird from home, a good field guide is essential. Happy Birding!